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Re: U.S. Serial No. 09/684,383, filed 10 Oct. 2000 **(SEE ATTACHED)**

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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to a telephone interview with the Examiner, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Material added has been indicated by underlining (underlining) and material deleted has been indicated by strikethrough (~~strikethrough~~).

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.